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#### **INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

##### **1. Therapy Services Web Page Updates**

The Medicaid Therapy Services Web page has been updated with the following additions:

- March 25, 2011 Therapy Forum Summary
- Plan of Care/Re-Evaluation Explanation

- Wheelchair Evaluation Training provided by Dan Gabric of the Durable Medical Equipment Program

The Medicaid Therapy Services Web page can be viewed at the following address:  
<http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/childhealthservices/therapyserv>.

## **2. National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day: May 3, 2011! (With 2 Attachments)**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) created the National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day as a way for agencies, organizations and individuals to raise awareness that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development. This year, the focus of Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is building resilience in young children dealing with trauma. Ideas and resources for local activities may be viewed at:  
[http://www.samhsa.gov/children/save\\_date\\_2011.asp](http://www.samhsa.gov/children/save_date_2011.asp) and  
<http://www.samhsa.gov/children/awarenessdaymat.asp>.

Also, attached are Governor Scott's proclamations for Children's Mental Health Awareness Day and Mental Health Awareness Month.

## **3. NECTAC News**

For the current issue of NECTAC eNotes go to  
<http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, OR TRAININGS**

### **4. Training Coordinator Conference Call (With 1 Attachment)**

The minutes from the last Training Coordinator conference call held on April 19th are attached. The next call is scheduled for May 17th from 1:00 - 2:00. The conference call number is 1-888-808-6959 and the conference code is 6254120367.

### **5. Section 1012.582, Florida Statute, Continuing Education and In-service Training for Teaching Students with Developmental Disabilities**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued a memorandum regarding Section 1012.582, Florida Statute, Continuing Education and In-service Training for Teaching Students with Developmental Disabilities. The statute requires that recommendations to incorporate instruction into continuing education/in-service training for FDOE instructional personnel regarding autism spectrum disorder (ASD), Down syndrome, and other developmental disabilities must be provided by the Department of Education beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. A comprehensive resource list was developed to identify current continuing education and in-service programs and has been included in the memorandum located at the link below. This resource list may be helpful to your local service providers and staff.

The memorandum may be viewed at:

<http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-6055/dps-2011-53.pdf>.